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Fla. State College Lake City, Fla. May 7, 1896

Superintendent U.S. Mint Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform me when it was that "Peter", the "Mint bird" had his wing broken by the Mint machinery, and when it was that he was killed and mounted? I am informed that this eagle was the pet of the Mint about 1858. As I am at present engaged in a study of the eagle in history, any information, or source of information, in regard to this interesting bird, will be greatly accepted.

Hoping this will be deemed worthy a prompt reply, I have the honor to remain,

Yours Truly, Chas. T. Curry

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